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VIENNA AND GENEVA FOR MBFR AND CSCE

INFO FOR PAOS

1. HIGHLIGHTS. RECENT PAPERS HAVE FEATURED WATERGATE TAPES
HASSLE, ALSO FRONTPAGED MIDEAST CEASE-FIRE. WEDNESDAY

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PAPERS FRONTPAGED KISSINGER PRESSES FOR FIRM TRUCE. THURS-

DAY PAPERS REPORT TRUCE BEGINNING TO TAKE HOLD.

1A. INSIDE STORIES OF LAST EIGHT DAYS INCLUDE BRIEFS ON LATEST THREE SALT SESSIONS; ALSO PHILA BULLETIN REPORTED EARLE NAMED AS SALT NEGOTIATOR; ALSO POPE CALLS FOR DISARM-AMENT. SOME HAVE STORIES ON MIDEAST AS WEAPONS TESTING-GROUND. MOSCOW STORIES INCLUDE: SOVIETS BLAME ISRAELIS FOR CEASE-FIRE BREAKDOWN; SOVIETS VIEW TRUCE AS PROOF OF DETENTE; ALSO MOSCOW BARS SANE DELEGATES AND WASHPOST KAISER REPORTS SOVIETS REPLIED TO US SCIENTISTS, SAYING SOVIET SCIENTISTS HAD RIGHT TO CRITICIZE SAKHAROV FOR OPPOSING RELAXATION OF TENSIONS AND TELLING AMERICAN SCIENTISTS NOT TO INTERFERE IN SOVIET INTERNAL AFFAIRS. NYTIMES OCTOBER 18 REPORTED FROM GENEVA, EUROPEAN PARLEY AVOIDING MIDEAST WAR. THURSDAY BALTSUN PINE BONN REPORTS ARAB CUT-

BACKS PERIL US BID FOR EUROPEAN OIL FOR THIS WINTER'S HEATING.

1B. WASHPOST MONDAY HEADED LONG PIECE BY MORGAN, JACKSON EMERGES AS LEADER OF FOREIGN POLICY OPPOSITION, MORGAN SAYING SENATOR VIEWS MIDEAST WAR AS A PROPHECY COME TRUE; HE ALSO INSISTS KREMLIN IS AN IMPERIALISTIC AS EVER. THURSDAY WASHPOST LOCAL UPI REPORTS HOUSE RULES COMMITTEE SCHEDULES TRADE BILL VOTE FOR TUESDAY, INCLUDING VOTE ON VANIK AMENDMENT WHICH WOULD HALT ANY NEW US LOANS OR LOAN GUARANTEES FOR SOVIET UNION UNTIL SOVIETS ALLOW FREE EMI-GRATION. POST ALSO HAS NEW YORK AP REPORTING LONGSHOREMEN HAVE DEFERRED THE BOYCOTT AGAINST RUSSIAN CARGOES WHICH WAS PLANNED TO FORCE SOVIET UNION TO PRESSURE ITS ARAB ALLIES INTO RESUMING OIL SHIPMENTS TO US.

2. ARMS CONTROL. WASHSTAR OCTOBER 17 HAD GENEVA UPI REPORTING 41ST SALT SESSION OF SECOND ROUND LASTED ONE HOUR TWENTY MINUTES AND AS USUAL THERE WAS NO OFFICIAL COMMENT ON SUBSTANCE OF NEGOTIATIONS. BALTSUN OCTOBER 20 HAD GENEVA REUTER REPORTING 42ND MEETING ALSO LASTED ONE HOUR TWENTY MINUTES ADDING THAT NO DETAILS WERE DISCLOSED ABOUT THE SECRET; HIGHLY COMPLEX EXCHANGES AIMED AT WORKING OUT A UNCLASSIFIED

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NEW TREATY TO CURB OFFENSIVE NUCLEAR WEAPONS BUT CONFERENCE SOURCES SAID DELEGATIONS HEADED BY SEMYONOV AND JOHNSON WOULD MEET AGAIN TUESDAY. WEDNESDAY WASHPOST GENEVA REUTERS REPORTED 43RD SESSION MET BRIEFLY AND AT SAME TIME A JOINT US-SOVIET CONSULTATIVE COMMISSION--SET UP TO SUPERVISE 1972 AGREEMENTS--HAD BRIEF MEETING. REUTERS ADDED OFFICIALS DECLINED TO SAY WHAT WAS DISCUSSED BECAUSE BOTH SIDES ARE PLEDGED TO KEEP SECRET THE DETAILS OF

THE HIGHLY COMPLEX NEGOTIATIONS.

2A. PHILA BULLETIN OCTOBER 18 HAD LOCAL STORY ANNOUNCING RALPH EARLE 2ND, SON OF FORMER PENNA GOV. EARLE, HAS BEEN APPOINTED A NEGOTIATOR WITH THE STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION TALKS NOW MEETING IN GENEVA, STORY ADDING EARLE WILL SERVE ON US DELEGATION AS REPRESENTATIVE OF ACDA WHICH IS RESPONSIBLE FOR COMPLIANCE WITH TREATY LIMITATIONS ON ANTIBALLISTIC MISSILE SYSTEMS. STORY SAID EARLE, HARVARD LAW GRADUATE AND PARTNER IN PHILA LAW FIRM, WAS A CONSULTANT TO SECRETARY OF DEFENSE ON MATTERS RELATING TO SALT BEFORE PRESENT APPOINTMENT.

2B. SUNDAY WASHPOST REPORTED FROM VATICAN CITY BY UPI THAT POPE CALLED FOR GRADUAL AND CONTROLLED DISARMAMENT TO RESCUE MANKIND FROM THE MENACE OF AN ACCUMULATION OF THE MOST HOMICIDAL DEVICES. UPI ADDED PLEA WAS MADE IN AN

INDIRECT REFERENCE TO MIDEAST WAR DURING CEREMONY FOR PRESENTATION OF CREDENTIALS BY CANADIAN AMBASSADOR TREMBLAY.

2C. TUESDAY LATIMES HEADED OP-ED PIECE, US, RUSSIA PUSH TOWARD SALT ARMS LIMITS, STORY BEING TAKEN FROM INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC STUDIES IN LONDON'S EVALUATION OF MILITARY POWER THROUGHOUT WORLD ENTITLED MILITARY BALANCE 1973-74, STORY STRESSING THAT THE YEAR AFTER THE MAY 1972 AGREEMENT ON OFFENSIVE MISSILES PROVIDED LITTLE EVIDENCE OF SUPERPOWER RESTRAINT IN THAT FIELD; BOTH GOVERNMENTS SEEMED DETERMINED TO REACH THE LIMITS SET IN THE AGREEMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, WHILE ALSO MAINTAINING MAXIMUM QUALITATIVE CAPABILITY. STORY DESCRIBED US AND UNCLASSIFIED

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RUSSIAN PROGRESS WITH ICBMS AND SLBMS, AND STRATEGIC BOMBERS; NOTED EACH COUNTRY IS DEVELOPING ONLY ONE, INSTEAD OF TWO, ABM SYSTEMS; AND ADDED QUALITATIVE IMPROVEMENT IS ALSO KEYNOTE IN NON-STRATEGIC FORCES WHERE TACTICAL ARMS RACE MAY BE CONTINUED IF POLITICAL CONSTRAINTS SHOULD PROVE INADEQUATE.

3. WEAPONS. WEDNESDAY NYTIMES MIDDLETON NEW YORK REPORTED MIDDLE EAST WAR HAS BECOME VAST TEST RANGE FOR SOVIET MILITARY EQUIPMENT FROM HIGHLY SOPHISTICATED ANTIAIRCRAFT AND ANTITANK MISSILES TO THE NEWEST BATTLE TANKS, ACCORDING WESTERN MILITARY SOURCES, WHICH ADD PERFORMANCE OF WEAPONS SYSTEMS BEING DIRECTED AND ASSESSED BY SIZABLE BODY OF SOVIET MILITARY ADVISORS AND TECHNICIANS. MAIN ARAB ARMIES AND AIR FORCES TESTING BATTLE TACTICS SOVIET

ARMY HAS PRACTICES IN EASTERN EUROPE FOR LAST 25 YEARS. SAM-6 SURFACE TO AIR MISSILE, THE MAJOR SURPRISE OF THE WAR, HAS BEEN HIGHLY EFFECTIVE AGAINST ISRAELI AIRCRAFT, ALONG WITH SAM-7, A LOW-LEVEL ANTIAIRCRAFT MISSILE. WESTERN MILITARY SOURCES ALSO STRESS SOVIET AIRLIFT TO MIDDLE EAST HAS GIVEN EXPANDING SOVIET TRANSPORT SERVICE MORE EXPERIENCE. MONDAY BALTO SUN TEL AVIV LEWTHWAITE ADDED ANOTHER NEW WEAPON BEING USED IN MIDDLE EAST HAS BEEN FROG-7 GROUND TO GROUND MISSILE WHICH HAS BEEN FIRED ON ISRAELI BORDER SETTLEMENTS, LEWTHWAITE ADDING SOME OF SOVIET SUPPLIED WEAPONS PROVING SURPRISINGLY EFFECTIVE.

4. US AND SOVIET POLICIES. TUESDAY WASHPOST HEADED MARDER, US UPROAR CLOUDS NIXON GAINS ABROAD, MARDER SAYING US-SOVIET ACCORD ON MIDEAST CEASE-FIRE APPEARS TO BE PROVIDING FIRST SUCCESSFUL TEST OF DURABILITY OF EAST-WEST DETENTE, BUT IRONICALLY DOMESTIC POLITICAL-CONSTITUTIONAL CRISIS OVER COX AND TAPES IS ROBBING THE ADMINISTRATION OF PUBLIC ACCLAIM FOR WHAT MAY BE A MORE SIGNIFICANT INTER-

NATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENT THAN LESSER ACTIONS IN THE PAST THAT WERE EXPLOITED TO MUFFLE CRITICISM OF ADMINISTRATION POLICY. MARDER SAYS MIDEAST CRISIS SHOWED THAT AMERICAN-SOVIET DETENTE WAS INADEQUATE TO FORESTALL WAR THAT ENDANGERED THE SUPERPOWERS' TIES, BUT THE CROSS-INTERESTS UNCLASSIFIED

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WOVEN IN NAME OF DETENTE ENABLED SUPERPOWERS TO ACT IN PARALLEL TO LIMIT DAMAGE TO DETENTE AND PERHAPS TO WITHSTAND A WAR BY CLIENT STATES.

4A. THURSDAY WASHPOST HAS NOSSITER FROM TEL AVIV SAYING THAT, ACCORDING INFORMED ISRAELI SOURCES, BREZHNEV'S WARNING OF AN UNSPECIFIED IRREVOCABLE STEP ACCOUNTS FOR SPEED WITH WHICH UN CEASE-FIRE CALL WAS ISSUED. THE IRREVOCABLE MOVE, WHICH WAS COMMUNICATED TO KISSINGER IN HIS TALKS WITH BREZHNEV, HASN'T BEEN SPELLED OUT, SAYS NOSSITER, BUT RUSSIANS MAY HAVE BEEN WARNING EITHER THAT THEY WOULD SUPPLY EGYPT WITH MISSILES CAPABLE OF REACHING ISRAELI CITIES OR THAT THEY WOULD SEND SOVIET PILOTS TO FIGHT ISRAELI PLANES. NOSSITER INDICATES THIS IS WHY KISSINGER DIDN'T HEED PM MEIR'S REQUEST TO POSTPONE CEASE-FIRE THREE DAYS.

4B. THURSDAY WASHPOST FRONTPAGES GETLER SAYING MIDEAST WAR HAS FORTIFIED PENTAGON BUDGET CLAIMS, SILENCED MANY IN CONGRESS NORMALLY CRITICAL OF US OVERSEAS AID, AND STRENGTHENED THE HAND OF TOP MILITARY LEADERS WHO HAVE REMAINED SUSPICIOUS OF SOVIET INTENTIONS DESPITE THE ERA OF

DETENTE. GETLER CITES SCHLESINGER NOTING IN SPEECH THAT
CONGRESSMEN WHO HAVE VOTED REGULARLY TO REDUCE DEFENSE EX-
PENDITURES HAVE MOST VIGOROUSLY PRESSED PENTAGON TO SUPPLY
ALL OF ISRAEL'S STATED NEEDS. GETLER ALSO CITES SPEECH BY
GEN. ABRAMS TERMING DETENTE A PERCEPTION RATHER THAN AN
OBJECTIVE FACT, AND IT CAN CHANGE AS QUICKLY AS PERCEPTIONS
CHANGE. GETLER ADDS SCHLESINGER REGARDS RESUPPLYING OF
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